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MILK PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION, AND INCOME

Charleston, West Virginia – Milk production totaled 140 million pounds during 2014, down 12 million pounds from the 2013 production of 152 million pounds. The average number of milk cows during the year was 9,000 head, down 1,000 head from 2013. Average milk production per cow was 15,556 pounds or around 1,800 gallons, up 356 pounds from the 2013 number of 15,200 pounds.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2014 totaled \$33.7 million, up 11 percent from the 2013 cash receipts number of \$30.5 million. Producer returns averaged \$24.40 per hundredweight, up \$4.10 from 2013. Milk marketed by producers totaled 138 million pounds or 16.0 million gallons in 2014, down 12 million pounds from the 2013 number of 150 million pounds. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers as well as milk sold directly to consumers.

United States – Milk production increased 2.4 percent in 2014 to 206 billion pounds. The rate per cow, at 22,258 pounds, was 442 pounds above 2013. The annual average number of milk cows on farms was 9.26 million head, up 33,000 head from 2013.

Cash receipts from marketings of milk during 2014 totaled \$49.3 billion, 22.5 percent higher than 2013. Producer returns averaged \$24.07 per hundredweight, 19.7 percent above 2013. Marketings totaled 205.1 billion pounds, 2.4 percent above 2013. Marketings include whole milk sold to plants and dealers and milk sold directly to consumers.

An estimated 962 million pounds of milk were used on farms where produced, 1.5 percent less than 2013. Calves were fed 90 percent of this milk, with the remainder consumed in producer households.

Note: A conversion of 8.6 pounds per gallon was used.